letters dated 12-10-1993 from two Hon. Members of the Rajya Sabha were replied to, by the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on 14-10-1993.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Indecent presentation of women through advertisements

1623. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that women are shown in a derogatory way in the advertisements that are coming up from time to time in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 has failed to check this trend;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to bring a new legislation in this regard; and

(e) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government has viewed with concern certain instances of derogatory depiction of women for commercial purposes in advertisements from time to time.

(b) and (c) Indecent Representation (Prohibition) Act, 1986 prohibits obscene representation of women in a manner which is derogatory or denigrating to women or which is likely to corrupt public morality. The enforcement aspect of the Act is with the State Governments/Union Territories. Government has launched efforts to create awareness about this law and other laws relating to women through widespread legal literacy, sensitization and awareness generation programmes.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Chief Minister's Conference on Education

1624. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what were the proposals adopted in the recent conference held in New Delhi in which education Ministers and Chief Ministers of various States participated to review the present national education system in the country; and

(b) whether the new proposals will replace the conventional courses with course of emerging nature which have direct relevance to employment to meet the newer challenges of society ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AN D DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELAJ) : (a) and (b) A Conference of Chief Ministers' was held on 15th February, 1994. The meeting discussed the reports of the National Development Council (NDC) Committee on Literacy and the Central Adivisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Decentralised Management of Education, and proposals related to Education for All.

The Conference decided that Education For All (EFA) should be given the highest priority and support in terms of decentralised management, increased resources and monitoring mechanisms should be provided.

The National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 already lays considerable stress on vocationalisation of education with the objective of enhancing individual employability. There is stress also on work experience organised as an integral part of the learning process.

Vocational lessons in school textbooks

1625. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce some lessons in the school textbooks to provide inspiration to youngsters to join industries: